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TO: Environmental Quality Council
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

The enclosed draft Environmental Assessment (EA) has been prepared and is submitted for your consideration. This proposed action will allow replacement of the City of Hardin water intake/blow-off airline requiring the excavation of three 24" intake pipes from the riverbank to the pump house (60 feet), and the replacement of two 3" air lines on top of these pipes. Following construction, the riverbank will be riprapped and seeded.

Questions and comments will be accepted until September 20, 2001. *Corrected date*

If you have questions or need additional copies of the draft EA, please contact Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at 247-2940. All comments may be sent to the undersigned.

Thank you for your interest.

Sincerely,

Harvey E. Nyberg
Regional Supervisor

Enclosure

Big Horn